

To Senator Gerratana and Representative Johnson and members of the Public Health Committee:

My name is Andrew Kibedi, from Bethel, CT. I am writing in support of **Raised Bill 6592: An Act Concerning Certified Homeopaths**. I strongly support this bill for **statutory recognition**. I support allowing Homeopaths who have achieved a high level of homeopathic education and training to be recognized to practice homeopathy in Connecticut.

- Homeopathy is a safe, affordable and gentle modality of health care. There is an increasing demand for more natural healthcare. A homeopath through careful examination of symptoms will prescribe one remedy among about 4000 in the Homeopathic Pharmacopeia that, when well prescribed can bring cure without side-effects for acute, chronic or hard to heal diseases. I can attest to this personally with the experience I have had with family and friends over the last 40 years. Using homeopathy for my family has made health care affordable, effective and integral with a healthy lifestyle, our family saved thousands of dollars in medical care and drugs and two of my children were cured of otherwise "incurable" conditions.

Families using homeopathy lower demand on public health facilities and on scarce medical resources.

- Access to homeopaths is limited in CT. There is an antiquated law from 1893 that says only medically trained people can practice homeopathy in CT, of which there are a very few. With so few homeopaths in CT, people either never hear about this option or must travel to another state to find a homeopath. One should be able to seek care close where one lives and works. By adopting this legislation Connecticut would increase choices and wholeness of treatment alternatives for its residents.

In conclusion, I strongly urge you to support Bill # 6592,

Sincerely yours,

Andrew Kibedi, Bethel, CT.